



# News Release

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### ***Sandia Ranger District Lifts Fire Restrictions***

**Albuquerque, NM. July 15, 2013.** Cibola National Forest and Grasslands Forest Supervisor Elaine Kohrman announced that Sandia Ranger District is going out of fire restrictions effective 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2013.

“The Sandias have recently received a lot of rain, which has increased the moisture levels in the vegetation to the point where it should limit the spread of any human or natural-caused wildfires,” said Kohrman. “In addition, the long-range weather forecast is predicting cooler weather and more rain for the area, which is a good indicator that the monsoon season has arrived.”

The only district that remains closed is the Mountainair Ranger District. The area has received some scattered precipitation, but it is still very dry. District staff are closely monitoring the conditions and will reassess when more precipitation occurs.

The current Fire Restriction orders can be found on the Cibola’s web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/cibola> in the “Alerts and Notices” section.

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